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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 34658, The Alaska Railroad Corp. -- Petition For Exemption From 49 U.S.C. §10901 To Construct and Operate a Rail Line Between North Pole, Alaska and Delta Junction

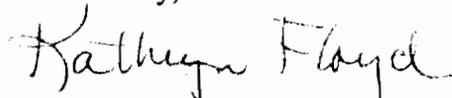
Dear Ms. Rutson:

As you may be aware, the Alaska Railroad Corporation ("ARRC") plans to continue with field activities this fall in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. Beginning after Labor Day, ARRC plans to conduct geotechnical drilling at approximately 26 sites along various alternative alignments. ARRC is working to obtain needed permits in order to conduct this activity. This planned work follows on previous geotechnical drilling that was completed last fall by ARRC.

In order to ensure that such work has the benefit of the most recent information available concerning cultural resources, ARRC is providing you and your third-party contractor with coordinate and location information for the drilling sites. (Attached hereto is a list of such sites.) We would like to coordinate with you and the third-party contractor to determine whether any of the surveys conducted to date would indicate the presence of cultural or archaeological resources at ARRC's planned drilling locations.

We appreciate your assistance with this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Kusske Floyd

Attachment

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Coordinates	Proposed Hole Location	Description of Proposed Location Change	Land Ownership
147°0'5"W/64°34'36"N	F06-01	Moved to State of Alaska DNR land along alignment (~ mile 13.2 Salcha East Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°55'42"W/64°32'3"N	F06-02	Moved to alignment (~ mile 16.9 Salcha East Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°55'30"W/64°29'32"N	F06-03	Moved to mile 20 Salcha East Segment, will investigate with hand tools only, may require helicopter transport, no brushing	Private Ownership
146°57'1"W/64°26'48"N	F06-04	Moved to State of Alaska DNR land along alignment (~ mile 23.3 Salcha East Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
147°5'38"W/64°32'35"N	F06-05	Moved to alignment (~ mile 2.2 Salcha West Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
147°3'1"W/64°27'47"N	F06-06	Moved to alignment (~ mile 8.1 Salcha West Segment)	Military
147°0'25"W/64°23'17"N	F06-07	Moved to alignment (~ mile 2.2 Salcha West A Segment)	Military
147°0'40"W/64°21'55"N	F06-08	Moved to alignment (~ mile 0.1 Tanana West Segment)	Military
147°2'49"W/64°21'50"N	F06-09	Moved to alignment (Blair Lakes Spur)	Military
146°53'54"W/64°18'16"N	F06-10	Moved to alignment (~ mile 5.6 Tanana West Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°44'59"W/64°16'41"N	F06-11	Moved to alignment (~ mile 9.7 Tanana East Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°40'38"W/64°15'0"N	F06-12	No change	State of Alaska DNR
146°34'21"W/64°14'48"N	F06-13	Moved to alignment (~ mile 1.6 Donnelly Central Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°26'4"W/64°15'5"N	F06-14	Moved to mile 6 Donnelly East Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°40'9"W/64°12'44"N	F06-15	Moved to alignment (~ mile 5.2 Donnelly West Segment)	Military
146°32'3"W/64°11'9"N	F06-16	Moved to alignment (~ mile 9.7 Donnelly West Segment)	Military
146°24'57"W/64°10'47"N	F06-17	Moved to alignment (~ mile 13.4 Donnelly West Segment)	Military
146°23'25"W/64°13'25"N	F06-18	Moved to alignment (~ mile 7.8 Donnelly Central Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°17'27"W/64°12'44"N	F06-19	Moved to alignment (~ mile 11.2 Donnelly Central Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°10'82"W/64°10'50"N	F06-20	Moved to alignment (~ mile 15.4 Donnelly Central Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°3'53"W/64°10'2"N	F06-21	Moved to mile 19 Donnelly Central Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
146°1'84"W/64°11'33"N	F06-22	Moved to mile 19 Donnelly East Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
145°52'10"W/64°7'41"N	F06-23	Moved to alignment (~ mile 25.8 Donnelly Central Segment)	State of Alaska DNR
145°47'48"W/64°3'54"N	F06-24	No change	State of Alaska DNR
146°43'10"W/64°15'14"N	F06-25	No change	State of Alaska DNR
146°15'52"W/64°12'46"N	F06-26	No change	State of Alaska DNR